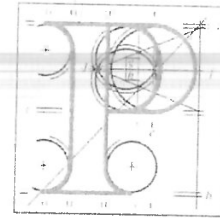


**Our Case Number:** ABP-321776-25



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Office of Public Works  
Jonathan Swift Street  
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**Date:** 17 April 2025

**Re:** BusConnects Galway: Dublin Road Development  
R338 Dublin Road, Galway City.

Dear Sir / Madam,

An Bord Pleanála has received your recent submission in relation to the above-mentioned proposed road development and will take it into consideration in its determination of the matter.

Please note that the proposed road development shall not be carried out unless the Board has approved it or approved it with modifications.

The Board has also received an application for confirmation of a compulsory purchase order which relates to this proposed road development. The Board has absolute discretion to hold an oral hearing in respect of any application before it, in accordance with section 218 of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended. Accordingly, the Board will inform you in due course on this matter. The Board shall also make a decision on both applications at the same time.

If you have any queries in relation to this matter please contact the undersigned officer of the Board at [laps@pleanala.ie](mailto:laps@pleanala.ie)

Please quote the above-mentioned An Bord Pleanála reference number in any correspondence or telephone contact with the Board.

Yours faithfully,

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A Chara,

The Board acknowledges receipt of your email, official correspondence will issue in due course.

Kind regards,

Lauren

**From:** Peter Fitzsimons <[peter.fitzsimons@opw.ie](mailto:peter.fitzsimons@opw.ie)>  
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Dear Sir/Madam,

Please find attached observations from the Office of Public Works regarding the above Compulsory Purchase Order.

Can you please confirm receipt of email.

Many thanks.

Kind Regards,  
Peter

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**Peter Fitzsimons**  
Property Management

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**Re: BusConnects Galway: Dublin Road Development Compulsory Purchase Order No.  
BCGDR-CPO-001-2025**

A Chara,

## 1.0 INTRODUCTION

The Office of Public Works (OPW) is a central Government Office operating under the Minister for Public Expenditure, NDP Delivery and Reform with particular responsibility for Flood Risk and Estate Management, including Heritage.

This submission outlines observations from the Property Management – Accommodation & Portfolio Planning division of the OPW on the **BusConnects Galway: Dublin Road Development Compulsory Purchase Order No. BCGDR-CPO-001-2025**.

## 2.0 SUBMISSION OVERVIEW

The OPW notes that the **BusConnects Galway: Dublin Road Development Compulsory Purchase Order No. BCGDR-CPO-001-2025**, affects the following OPW properties :

- Western Regional Garda Station Head Quarters, Dublin Road, Renmore, Co Galway H91 F62K

The Western Regional Garda Station Head Quarters, is a critical infrastructure that includes Gardaí prisoner cells. Access and egress to the building cannot be compromised. There is also a need to preserve sensitive and important utilities entering the site (along the frontage) as these relate to key services including the 999 Call Centre and other critical systems that include government fibres.

Access to the property for pedestrians needs to be maintained during construction. In the event that the Garda sign needs to be taken down to facilitate works, it will need to be re-instated in full. There are concerns regarding the risk of vandalism and anti-social behavior during



construction of the scheme. During construction, a 24 hour on-call service is required for electricians etc, to address any concerns relating to impacts of construction activities or incidents that could potentially arise on site. As part of the scheme design, engagement with Utility Companies and detailed surveys of underground services would be required.

### 3.0 CONCLUSION

The OPW would be grateful of your consideration of the above and welcome any questions or clarification you may require going forward.

Yours sincerely

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Peter Fitzsimons  
Property Management  
Accommodation & Portfolio Planning